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The Most Important Trait

Many people argue and debate what the most important trait is for someone to answer what it means to be educated. In my opinion the most important trait is to have determination or to be determined. On the online dictionary, determination is defined as “the act of coming to a decision or of fixing or settling a purpose.” That for me is the most important trait to help you become educated. I for one have been through the most determination to come to a purpose I wanted to fulfill. During my early childhood I was determined to start for my high school football team before I graduated from North Penn. As for me right now I am an education major and I am determined to make my education class the best grade in all of my classes right now for the semester. For my future I will be a great determined teacher to make sure my students understand the material and have fun at the same time.

My family is one of the biggest football families you will ever meet. Ever since I can remember I loved the game of football. Now my school district had one of the best football teams in the state of Pennsylvania. When I was in the third grade, my high school won the state title. Ever since that state title in 2003, my goal was to start for the North Penn Knights. I started playing football the year after for the Lansdale Cannoneers. I was a determined fourth grader ready to work the rest of my life to start for my high school when I am of age. In my junior year I got close to achieving my dream. During my junior year I got called up to the varsity team, but I did not start. So now I had become even more determined to become a starter in my senior year since more than likely that will be my last year playing football for good. Let’s fast forward to August 2012, I had been competing for the starting strong side outside linebacker with another senior. I had a meeting with my head coach the week before our first game against LaSalle. He had told me specifically that he had saw that I was the more DETERMINED of the two of us trying to start at my position. He then began to tell me that I will start for the season. It felt great to know that my hard work and determination had paid off and I felt like I could do anything. I also felt educated because I had to learn new positions in my career and learn how to play the game. This scene for me achieving my dream through determination immediately reminded me of the book, *The Great Gatsby*. For me it reminded me of the determination of Jay Gatz to get back together with his lost love, Daisy. Jay in the end gets back with Daisy and through his determination. To me I felt like Jay, achieving my dream finally through determination and perseverance. So, as my senior year I came along, I was second on my team in tackles and I led the team in defensive touchdowns. I guess you could say my determination paid off.

June 19th 2013: Graduation day at North Penn High School. I walked across the stage on the football field grabbing my diploma and now officially I felt like and education major at Bloomsburg University. Let’s fast forward again to August 20th, 2013 the day I moved into Columbia Hall here at Bloomsburg University. I knew I had come here, determined, to do well in all of my classes but in particular my education class. As classes began I loved all of my classes and I knew being an education major was the right choice for me. My education class began a little difficult but before my first test I was determined to do well on the test. My first test I got a 40/50, to me that is a satisfactory grade, but with my determination I know I will do better and improve for the second test. As for my second test I studied longer because I was determined and I know hard work pays off. I improved to a 45/50 on my second test. To me I know that I fulfilled my purpose to get a better grade on my test. Since then I have stayed determined here in the present and plan to stay determined in my major.

May 2017, graduation day is here and I will begin to find my first job at a school to begin my full time teaching career. I now know that I was determined here at college and now achieved my dream of becoming a teacher. I will be a nice teacher that wants the students to like me and also want them to fulfill the academic standards and beyond the goals they set for themselves. I will be determined to keep a balance of being a laid back teacher along with being strict to make them fulfill their academics goals. I know for me I will be even more educated based on being determined to help my students achieve their dreams. Not to mention I will be achieving my dream that I was determined to accomplish in being a middle school teacher. I can see myself with my Bloomsburg diploma hanging and myself behind my desk looking at rows of students awaiting the new and determined Mr. Bull.

Determination is by far the most important trait to learn how to be educated. I for one am an example of how determination is the most important trait to become educated. Whether it was my past and the determination I had to start on my high school football team. Or right now here in the present and the determination I have in my education class to be the best class in way of grades. Not to forget my future as a teacher and the determination I have to teach to make my students and help them become determined to achieve their academic goals. In the end in order to become educated one must be determined to fulfill their goals.